

NWS GRAND JUNCTION COLORADO



A LOOK
BACK AT

SPRING 2021
WEATHER ACROSS E UTAH / W COLORADO

June 1st marked the beginning of Meteorological Summer and the conclusion of Meteorological Spring, which was observed from March 1st to May 31st. The 2021 Spring season was generally drier than normal across eastern Utah and western Colorado as 10 out of 10 of our automated stations at airports across the area ended the season with below normal precipitation. As a result of the continued below normal precipitation, the extreme to exceptional drought persisted across much of the region through the end of the season. Depending on where you were located, the Spring season was either cooler or warmer than normal with mean temperatures ranging anywhere from up to 1.5 degrees warmer or cooler than normal.



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CLIMATE SUMMARY



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NOTE: all data mentioned is collected from our automated observing stations from 10 airports across the area. Some observers in more remote areas may have measured warmer or colder temperatures, or more or less precipitation than mentioned in this summary.

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TEMPERATURES



Location	Average Temp (°F) (VS Normal)	Warmest Temp (°F)	Coldest Temp (°F)
Aspen, CO	41.4 (-0.2)	75 on 5/1, 29	-5 on 3/1
Cortez, CO	48.3 (+0.6)	85 on 5/28-30	11 on 3/1
Craig, CO	42.4 (-0.5)	83 on 5/1, 28	1 on 3/1
Durango, CO	46.0 (+0.9)	81 on 5/14, 29-30	12 on 3/1
Grand Junction, CO	53.3 (+0.3)	88 on 5/14, 28	16 on 3/1
Meeker, CO	42.9 (-1.4)	80 on 5/1, 29	3 on 3/1
Montrose, CO	50.3 (+0.4)	84 on 5/1, 28-29	14 on 3/1
Rifle, CO	49.9 (+1.2)	86 on 5/28	12 on 3/1
Canyonlands Airport, UT	54.1 (+0.1)	89 on 5/14, 28-29	12 on 3/1
Vernal, UT	48.9 (+0.3)	85 on 5/7, 28	15 on 3/1

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PRECIPITATION



Location	Total Precipitation (in.)	Departure from Normal (in.)
Aspen, CO	3.56	-0.79
Cortez, CO	1.47	-0.86
Craig, CO	2.21	-2.08
Durango, CO	2.18	-0.49
Grand Junction, CO	1.36	-1.25
Meeker, CO	2.91	-1.75
Montrose, CO	0.78	-1.44
Rifle, CO	1.45	-1.46
Canyonlands Airport, UT	1.11	-0.54
Vernal, UT	1.63	-0.79



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SEASONAL
RECORDS

R E P O R T

A total of 2 daily records were set across the primary climate sites

Site	Date	Record Type	New Record	Previous Record
Grand Junction, CO	April 4 th	High Max Temperature	81° (Tied)	81° in 1959
Grand Junction, CO	April 20 th	Low Min Temperature	23°	25° in 1967

High Max

Low Max

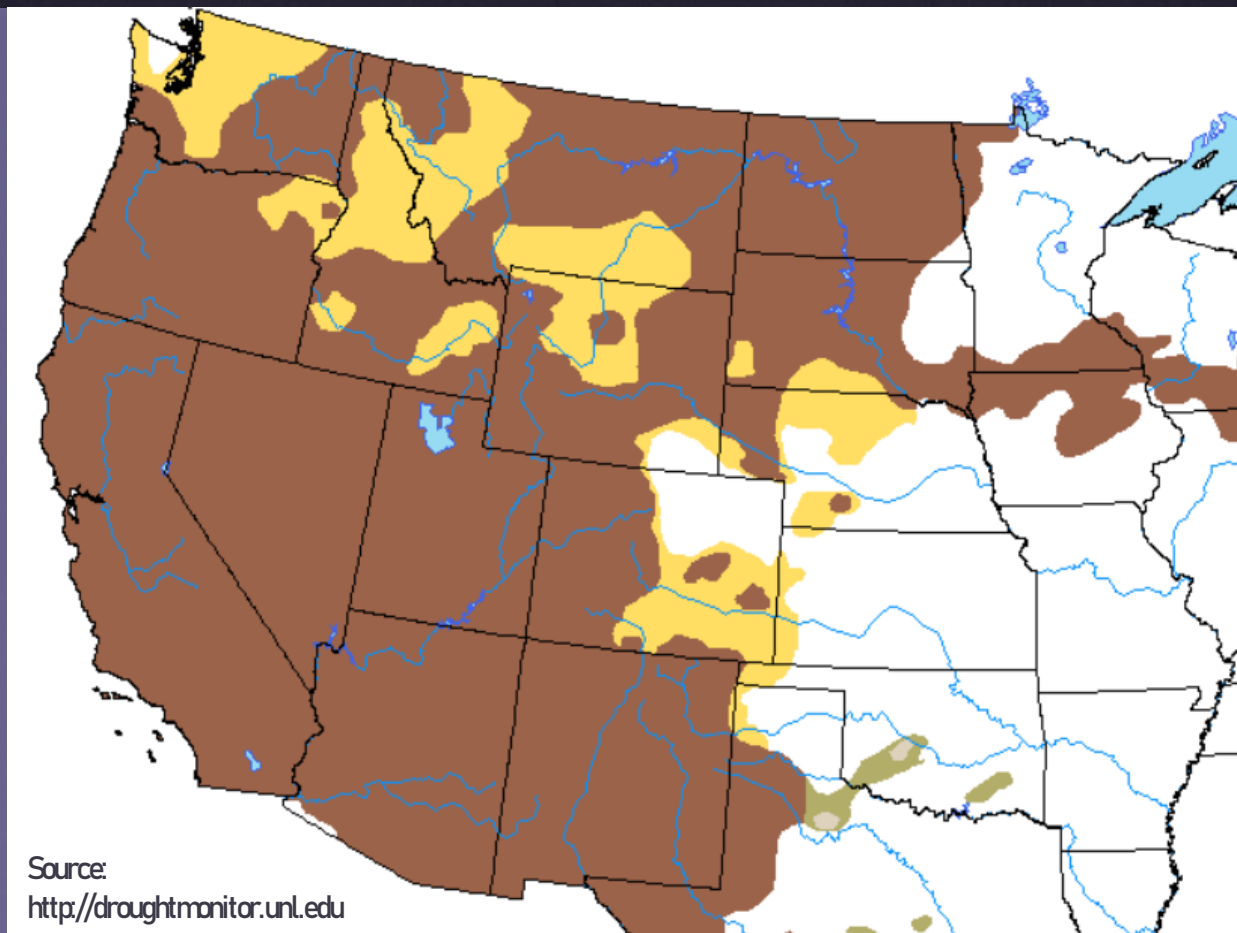
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High Min

Low Min



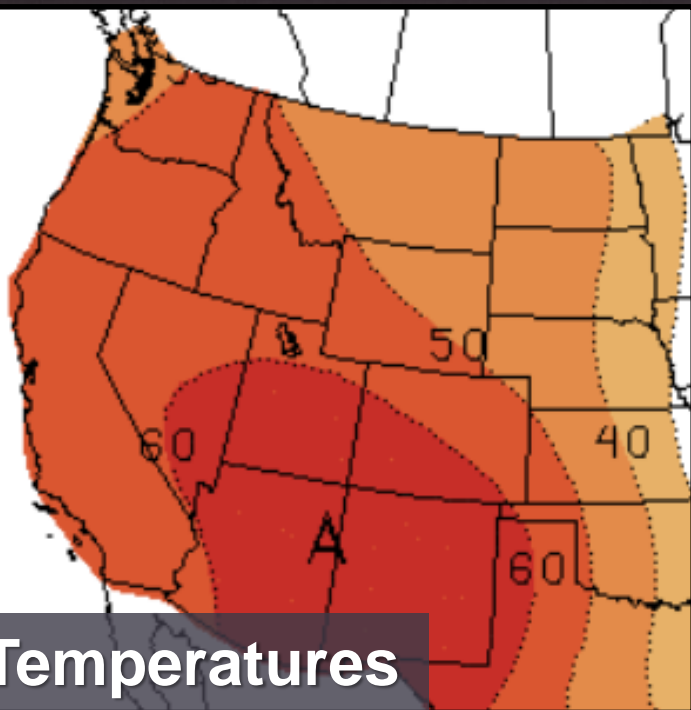
The drought is expected to persist across eastern Utah and western Colorado through Meteorological Summer, or the months of June, July and August.



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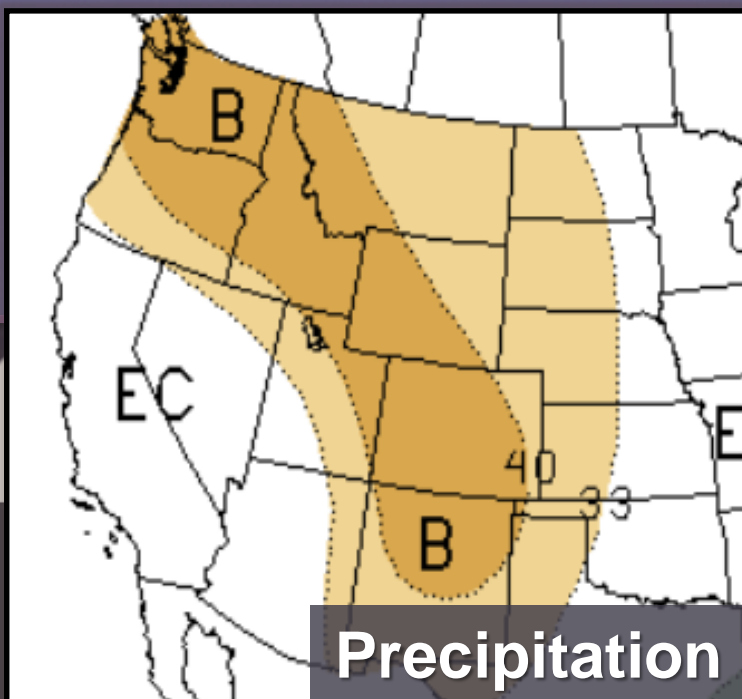
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TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION



Temperatures

For Meteorological Summer, or the months of June, July and August, the latest outlook from the Climate Prediction Center (CPC) shows odds favoring above normal temperatures for eastern Utah and western Colorado as well as below normal precipitation.



Precipitation